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For: **UNIVERSAL VEHICLE TIE-DOWN RAILS**
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a response to the Examiner's requirement for an election of species having a shortened statutory date for a response set to expire on December 10, 2004.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the Group I claims 1-2 and 3-7, drawn to a tie rail apparatus, classified in class 410, subclass 106 and withdraws claims 8-10 drawn to a method of manufacture, classified in class 29, subclass 592+, without prejudice.